

CHICAGO, Nov. 15--(AP)—FEDERAL INVESTIGATION FOR ASSASSINATION  
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CONTINUES HERE TODAY.

THE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION OF THE FBI IS ATTEMPTING TO  
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

November 16, 1939.

Time 9:18 AM

Name Allen Dibble, U-P, tele.

Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Details:

Was advised that Mr. Hoover was in the Building but not in the office. Mr. Dibble stated that the Department had just announced that Al Capone had been released this morning at Lewisburg, Pa., to his relatives. Mr. Dibble stated that apparently Capone had been flown in from California over night.

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Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. E. A. Tamm ☒  
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Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Allen G. Dibble  
United Press  
714 National Press Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

I want you to know that I appreciate  
your thoughtfulness in forwarding me the newspaper  
items on November 18, 1939.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
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Mr. Lester	.....
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Mr. Tracy	.....
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Time - 5:50 PM

November 12, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. Tamm

2m Joe Copps of Miami called me at this time and asked if I had any information as to when Al Capone would return to Miami. He stated that the newspapers have been trying to get information and he has had a man stationed around Capone's home so that he would know when he arrived. I told Copps that, of course, Capone will not be released until the 19th and that he will possibly thereafter be receiving medical care. I told him that I had no information as to the matter and do not know where Capone is at the present time. I told him that when I spoke to Capone when I visited Terminal Island in the Spring, Capone indicated that he would return to Miami upon his release and run a furniture factory which he has there. I told Copps that at that time Capone looked very fine physically and talked very intelligently. I told him that disease which Capone has is one which comes and goes.

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Copps stated that he was going to try to see Capone and advise him to see the newspaper men all at once and make one statement so that all winter the newspapers will not be clamoring for information. I told him I thought that a very good idea that Capone should see them all at once and let it be understood there will be no further press statements and he should then stay to himself. I told Copps that I thought it was unfortunate that Capone is going to Miami at the opening of the season like this, since this promises to be a very big season and probably many of the wealthy people will be jittery about going to Miami if they believe there will be a large rowdy element there. I told him, therefore, I thought Capone's arrival should be handled with as little fanfare as possible and an attempt should be made to keep Capone on his own place and not have him going to the race tracks and fights and other places. I told him that when I saw Capone at Terminal he was still as egotistical as ever and I felt it would be difficult to keep him to himself. I told him that naturally since Capone has a home there he has a perfect right to go there. Copps stated he has tried to put over to the AP and UP the fact that Capone's home is rather a modest one as compared to many other homes in that section, in an effort to spike stories concerning his palatial mansion. I told Copps that if Capone goes to some hospital following his release I would attempt to get him or Steve Hannegan in to see Capone so that they can impress these things on his mind.

Very truly yours,

EAT:DM

AIR MAIL

SPECIAL DELIVERY

November 16, 1939

Mr. George Saltzer  
Managing Editor  
Philadelphia Evening Bulletin  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Saltzer:

I have been advised by Mr. Tamm of his telephonic discussion with you this morning concerning newspaper dispatches relating to the reported release of Al Capone from the Lewisburg Penitentiary today. I do want you to know that I have not been advised either personally or officially at any time concerning the Departmental plans for the release of Al Capone. As a matter of fact, the first information I received concerning Capone's release was when I heard Walter Winchell's broadcast last Sunday night, at which time Mr. Winchell stated that Capone would not be released from the Terminal Island institution but would be transported to some other point for release. As Mr. Tamm explained to you, the Bureau of Prisons of the Department of Justice is a unit entirely separate in operation and direction from the Federal Bureau of Investigation and I am not consulted nor advised with reference to matters dealing with the operation of the Bureau of Prisons. I desire consequently to assure you that I have not personally or officially at any time known anything whatsoever concerning the plans of the Bureau of Prisons for the release of Al Capone.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Nathan  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Crowl  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sears  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

In your conversation with Mr. Tamm this morning, you indicated a desire to express a formal protest concerning the manner in which the press release relating to this case was handled and inquired as to the proper person to whom this complaint should be made. I suggest that you address a communication direct to the Attorney General, The Honorable Frank Murphy, since Mr. Murphy is the highest authority in the Department of Justice.

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I hope I have made my position in this situation absolutely clear to you.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

NOV 17 1939

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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November 13, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. McGuire	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Mr. Mulcahy called me this afternoon and stated he had an amusing incident happen he thought Mr. Hoover might be interested in learning about.

He stated that Doris Fleeson, newspaper woman of Chicago and whose column appears in the local Times Herald, telephoned him trying to secure information concerning the information of Walter Winchell on his radio program last night that Al Capone was on a train en route to Boston.

When he attempted to explain to Miss Fleeson the Department's position in the matter, she flew into a rage and stated that all the newspapers know that J. Edgar Hoover and Walter Winchell are "like that," and that all newspaper people know that Walter Winchell got this bit of information from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, and she thought it was high-time the Department of Justice became aware of the fact that Walter Winchell gets material of this kind from Mr. Hoover.

I telephoned Mr. Mulcahy later in accordance with your instructions and informed him that you were aware of the identity of Miss Fleeson and that as a matter of fact you would like to know whether there is any truth in the statement that Al Capone is on a train en route somewhere. I advised Mr. Mulcahy it was your suggestion that the Department might well clarify the situation, that Mr. Bennett's release this afternoon denying the story that Al Capone was on a train en route to Boston left the matter still more of a mystery as Mr. Bennett did not state definitely that Capone was still at Terminal Island, so it would appear that the original statement of Mr. Winchell has not as yet been repudiated.

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Mr. Mulcahy stated he informed Miss Fleeson in his original conversation with her that as a newspaper woman he thought she should know that law enforcement agencies investigate and convict people, but it is the Bureau of Prisons which actually puts them in Prison and keeps them there or lets them out.

Mr. Mulcahy began to chuckle after the suggestion that the Department might wish to clarify the situation

*Doris Fleeson to say the least resembles a "refurbished" just a little better*

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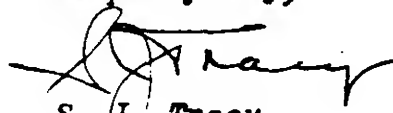
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and make a repudiation of the announcement by stating that as a matter of fact Al Capone is not at Terminal Island Penitentiary, that as a result of his own request he is not there and that it will be generally realized when the true facts come out later that the Department's action has been taken for the best.

Respectfully,

  
S. J. Tracy

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PRESS ASSOCIATIONS REPORT CAPONES ■ ■ RELEASE OFF TRAIN AT  
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THIS WAY REGARDS

JOE COPPS MIAMIBEACH NEWS SERVICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

MR. JOSEPH COPPE  
MIAMI BEACH NEWS SERVICE  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

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REPLYING YOUR INQUIRY I UNDERSTAND CAPONE NOW AT  
UNION MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BALTIMORE MARYLAND

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Per

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DIRECTOR

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sears \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Spivey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Date November 16, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Hal Leyshon, of the Miami Daily News, called and stated he thought he had a motive for the Edward O'Hara killing, but did not know whether we would be interested in it. I told him that we were not in the case so far as I knew as there was no Federal angle. He said frankly his information did not include any Federal angle but he would give me a short summary of what he had received.

He stated that when the Gulf Stream race track in Hollywood, Florida, went broke an effort was made to interest O'Hara in it and he was in a deal to take it over. The opening of Gulf Stream would mean a serious financial loss to the Tropical Park race track. The Capone interests owned about 40% of Tropical Park and the balance is owned by the Big Frenchy interests and the Maddens. Consequently, if Gulf Stream did open, Tropical Park would become a liability. He stated he had information to the effect that O'Hara had figures on the proposition and would have moved in possibly this winter, and certainly next winter.

He stated, of course, he would like to see the Bureau in the case. He further stated that frankly he thought O'Hara was on the level. I told him I was very glad to have this information and would pass it on to you but that at the moment we could not get into the case because there was no Federal jurisdiction.

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United States Department of Justice**

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November 15, 1939

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of an editorial appearing in the Los Angeles Times of November 14, 1939, entitled "Just Like Russia", which will be of interest to the Bureau.

As you know, L. D. HATCHKISS is City Editor of this paper and NORMAN HENDLER, JR., is General Manager.

Very truly yours,

*R. B. Hood*

R. B. HOOD,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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### Just Like Russia

The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of Al Capone deepens with each hour that the Federal authorities continue blandly to say that they have nothing to say. There seems to be as much difficulty in discovering the whereabouts of this prisoner as there is of somebody arrested by the Ogpu or the Gestapo.

There may be a good reason for the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation not giving out information about Capone. It has been suggested that he still owes the government a large sum of money, and that if he is knocked off by any of his numerous enemies the government will never collect; hence the secrecy. But if that is the reason, why not say so?

Moscow and Berlin mask their arrests of political prisoners to add to the terrorization of the population. But a similar sinister secrecy is out of place in a free country. A democracy cannot be made to work unless all public affairs are genuinely public. And for public servants to refuse information to the public, without adequate explanation or indeed with no explanation at all, is the same thing as telling the public it is none of its business how public officials act—a piece of impudence that should not be tolerated.

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November 24, 1939

Mr. L. D. Hotchkiss  
Managing Editor  
The Los Angeles Times  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Hotchkiss:

I have just had called to my attention the editorial, "Just Like Russia," appearing in the November 14, 1939, issue of the Los Angeles Times which unjustly criticizes the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

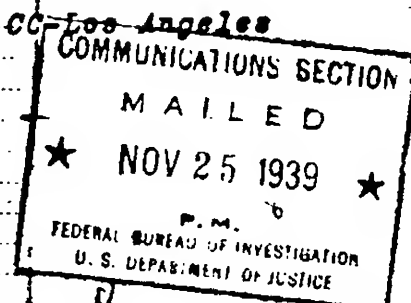
I thought you would like to know that the FBI had nothing whatsoever to do with the release of Al Capone nor his subsequent move across the country. He was not under our jurisdiction and, contrary to unfounded press reports, this Bureau furnished no guard for him. No information could be given out by the FBI because it had none and any press representative inquiring was so informed.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Coffey	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
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Mr. Quinn	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....



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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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Time: 11:10 a.m.

November 16, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Rex Collier of the "Washington Star" called and made inquiry as to whether the Bureau is interested in Al Capone and whether anything is known of his recent activity.

I advised Mr. Collier that we knew nothing about Capone and that for his confidential information the first you knew about the recent developments in connection with Capone was when you heard Winchell's broadcast the other night. Further, that for his personal guidance, you have been trying for the last three days to find out what this is all about without success.

Mr. Collier stated he has a tip from the Chicago Times that Capone was taken from the train at Harrisburg accompanied by a doctor of the Federal prison and two G-Men. I advised him that the Bureau has no Agents with Capone.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	



EAT:DM

November 16, 1939

Time - 8:15 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. George Seltzer, Managing Editor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, called from Philadelphia and upon being advised by the switchboard operator that you were not available and asking to speak to one of the Assistants, was referred to me. Mr. Seltzer, who was in a very bombastic mood, stated that "they" were getting awfully sore at all of the Democratic politicians giving out all of the news to Pearson and Allen while the rest of the country goes around fighting for a lot of "hot stuff" which has no substance to it. It was obvious that Mr. Seltzer was referring to the Pearson and Allen story appearing in this morning's Washington Herald indicating that the Attorney General had advised Pearson and Allen that Capone was being released from the Lewisburg Penitentiary at 7:00 A. M. this morning and would be transported to a sanitarium. Mr. Seltzer continued by quoting portions of the story appearing in the Pearson and Allen article and stated that as usual the officials of the penitentiary at Lewisburg are acting like typical "Federal dopes" and appear to be in a trance. Mr. Seltzer stated that news is news and that if it is going to be handled on the basis of Democratic politics, the Evening Bulletin would like to know it.

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Mr. Seltzer's delivery and blood pressure were mounting rapidly and I interposed at this point a vigorous protest against his charging the FBI with any participation in this situation. I told Mr. Seltzer that neither the Director of the Bureau nor any other Bureau representative had any information whatsoever concerning Capone's present whereabouts, his place of release or the date of his release. I explained to Mr. Seltzer that Capone had been in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons of the Department of Justice during the entire period of his incarceration and that the Bureau of Prisons operated as an independent agency within the Department of Justice over which the Federal Bureau of Investigation had absolutely no control. I explained to Mr. Seltzer that the Bureau did not know now and had not known for a considerable period of time where Capone was held, from what point he would be released or when he would be released. Mr. Seltzer appeared somewhat surprised at this and inquired whether or not it was not true that FBI Agents were serving as guards to remove

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Capone from the Penitentiary to the sanitarium. I told him most emphatically that this was not true and that as a matter of fact the Bureau had not assigned any guards to Capone at any time since the date of his conviction some years ago.

Mr. Seltzer stated that he desired to make a formal protest concerning the manner in which this story was handled to the proper person and I suggested that he make a protest to the Attorney General, who is the head of the Department of Justice. He inquired as to who was the public relations adviser for the Attorney General and I furnished him with Mr. Mulcahy's name.

A letter to Mr. Seltzer along the lines of our telephonic discussion this morning is attached.

Respectfully,

EDWARD A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

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November 17, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called Mr. Mulcahy this morning and informed him that Mr. Hoover had received several press inquiries last evening as to how many G-Men the Bureau had assigned to Al Capone. They referred to a statement allegedly made by the Attorney General with reference to the guarding of Capone.

I informed him that Mr. Hoover wanted Mr. Mulcahy to know what replies he made to the press inquiries; that he told them that the Bureau has not had any men, do not have any men and has not been instructed to have any men with Capone at any time.

Mr. Mulcahy said he thoroughly understood the Director's position with regard to the situation and that he likewise had informed all newspaper reporters the same thing. He stated that he received a terrible going over yesterday following the appearance of the Merry-Go-Round article yesterday morning in the local papers and that when he saw the news ticker reports yesterday evening, quoting the Attorney General he thought at first that it was sort of a slap in the face to him; however, he made inquiry and ascertained that the press stopped the Attorney General following yesterday's Cabinet Meeting and bombarded him with questions such as, "Is Capone under guard?" and "Are the G-Men guarding him?" et cetera. The Attorney General replied that "Capone is under guard provided by the Hospital and his friends," and apparently due to the confusion and the numerous questions being hammered at the Attorney General several news reporters misunderstood the Attorney General's replies to particular questions.

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Mr. Mulcahy stated he noticed the article in the Times-Herald this morning, stating that the Director had said that none of his men were guarding Capone. He stated he would be certain to advise the press along the same lines that Mr. Hoover had and that he understood Mr. Hoover's position.

Respectfully,

*[Signature]*

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Harbo	
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Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

November 20, 1939

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Favorable Editorial Appearing  
in the Richmond News Leader  
of November 17, 1939

Dear Sir:

I thought you would be interested in the attached  
favorable editorial which appeared in the Richmond, Virginia  
News Leader on November 17, 1939, entitled "Capone's Era Is  
Over".

The editor of this paper is Dr. DOUGLAS FREEMAN.

Very truly yours,

J. E. LAWLER,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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November 21, 1939

Mr. Walter Winchell  
New York Daily Mirror  
New York City

Dear Walter:-

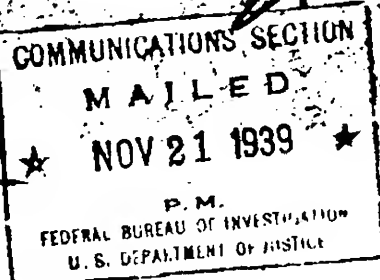
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I wanted you to know how much I appreciated your comment on Sunday night relative to the Al Capone matter. I was very glad indeed that you saw fit to clarify the situation particularly so since I have been the subject of criticism on the part of a large number of newspaper men here who felt that I had given you the information concerning the release of Capone from Terminal Island. I hope to see you soon.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harvey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
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**MIAMI BEACH NEWS SERVICE**  
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

JOE COPPS, DIRECTOR

November 20, 1939.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓

Dear Skipper:

Thanks very much <sup>al</sup> for your prompt reply to my inquiry regarding Capone, and I wish to apologize for bothering you, but the announcement that he was loose caused me considerable concern down here as you can well imagine.

Steve arrived in town for several days, and I discussed with him your kind offer to attempt to make some arrangement whereby we might interview the gentleman before he heads south, in order to establish some sort of arrangement for a press conference down here to clear up the situation for once and all.

Steve agrees that it is a splendid idea, and it would be possible for us to send someone out of New York, possibly Larry Smits to do the interviewing on the Baltimore end, so I would appreciate it very much if you would notify me immediately if such arrangements can be made.

In the meantime if I can be of any help to you in your contemplated visit here, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Joe Copps

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

Chicago, Illinois  
November 16, 1939

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
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Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓

Dear Sir

As a result of recent contact with Confidential Informant

[REDACTED]

This informant likewise states that

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Director, 11/16/39

In regard to the O'Hare gang killing, it might interest you to note that the common belief of the newspaper fraternity here in Chicago is that the killing resulted from the fact that O'Hare was attempting to jilt [REDACTED] who has been his paramour for the last seven years. b7c

It appears that O'Hare was extremely active in the operation of dog tracks and race tracks here in the vicinity of Chicago, as well as in Miami, Florida. Recently, an article appeared in the paper to the effect that a young hoodlum by the name of Stoddard was found in Los Angeles, California, suffering from knife wounds in the abdomen and in the arm. b7D

[REDACTED] confidentially advised me on November 15th that Stoddard was definitely eliminated as being in any way connected with the O'Hare killing and it develops that Stoddard wrote the note supposed to have been found on his person by the Los Angeles Police Department himself. Stoddard previously was a horse exercise boy at the Sportsman's track here in Chicago.

Very truly yours

WSD:IAJ

*W. S. Devereaux*  
W. S. DEVEREAUX  
Special Agent in Charge

# City of Miami - Florida



November, 17, 1939.

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Director:

It is apparent from all this sickening publicity that Al Capone is coming to Miami to reside in the near future.

You informed me personally one evening at the Willard hotel that Capone is definitely afflicted with a brain disorder known as 'Paresis'.

I am going to endeavor to institute lunacy proceedings against Capone, and in order to meet with any degree of success, I would have to a copy of the government doctors diagnosis, relative to this condition, which if true will give me sufficient material to prove him a public menace.

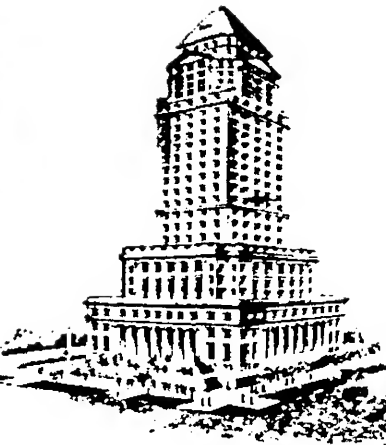
I realize that the Federal Bureau of Prisons will not voluntarily release such a statement, and I seek your advice as to what procedure I should adopt to obtain such a document.

Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated and treated with the utmost confidence.

Respectfully yours,

*James O. Barker*  
James O. Barker, Lieut. Dets.,  
Miami Police Dept.

Residence.  
2271 S.W. 20th St.  
Phone 46-413.



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Mr. Nathan  
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Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Ladd  
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania**

November 24, 1939.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding, herewith, a letter printed by the Philadelphia "Daily News" in its issue of November 24, 1939. It appears that the letter relating to Al Capone is without any justification and the person writing same was not aware of the true facts, and that, likewise, the editor of the Philadelphia "Daily News" was not aware of the fact that this Bureau had no part in the release of Al Capone.

It is respectfully suggested that the editor of this paper be communicated with and advised of the true situation. The president and editor of this newspaper is Lee Ellmaker, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Very truly yours,

*H. B. Fletcher*  
H. B. FLETCHER, *vs*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosure

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Mr. Nathan	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
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Ellmaker  
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PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS

November 24, 1939

## What Have You to Say?

The Philadelphia DAILY NEWS will not publish anonymous communications, or letters signed fictitiously or with initials. The name and address of the writer must accompany the letter, but only initials will be used if the communication is published. Write on one side of the paper only and keep your letters brief. Do not exceed 500 words.

**Re: Al Capone**

**SIR:** I read in the paper of the solicitude shown by federal agents on behalf of Al (Gangster) Capone when newspapermen tried to interview him at the station following his release from prison.

According to one account, a cameraman who tried to take Capone's picture had his camera smashed by G-men, and another photographer narrowly escaped a similar disaster.

On top of that newspapermen were shoved around when they tried to have a word with Capone before he was taken away to Baltimore. All of this leads up to a question, viz: Just why does Gangster Capone have government men as bodyguards to beat and intimidate law-abiding and decent citizens, when a person like yourself or I am whisked away to court and given short treatment when we pass a traffic light?

It all comes back to the same thing, that such tactics on part of federal agents, or any law officers, only tends to exaggerate the importance of these underworld rats and to make heroes of them in the eyes of boys and impressionable young men.

For my part, if I were head of the FBI, I would reprimand the officers responsible for this out-

rageous incident and give them a practical lesson in distinguishing between good citizens and bad.

J. Edgar Hoover can't be so proud of what happened. C. L. T.

**No Catspaw**

**SIR:** I read a letter in the DAILY NEWS which was perfectly outrageous. The nerve of some people trying to convince us Americans that we should fight for England.

This person stated, "It is our centuries old obligation to the British people to help them, and in this case rid the world of Hitler."

If he don't believe me that America no longer belongs to England, let him read his American history. We fought in the last war and what did we get, depression and a loss which can never be repaid—the loss of our young boys who fought "to make the world safe for democracy."

Perhaps England has bitten off more than she can chew. I always maintained, don't start a fight you can't finish. Furthermore, what is that person doing? Why isn't he over on the other side under arms and fighting for his dear England?

If he is too old, then he should stop telling us what to do and thank his Maker that he is under the American flag. The American people are in favor of only one "ism," Americanism.

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December 7, 1939

Mr. Lee Kilmer  
President and Editor  
Philadelphia Daily News  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Kilmer:

My attention has recently been called to the column "What Have You to Say?" appearing in the November 24, 1939, issue of the Philadelphia Daily News which contained a letter signed "C. L. F." regarding Al Capone.

I thought you would like to know that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had absolutely no connection with this incident. No protection or guard of any kind was afforded Capone by this Bureau upon his release from prison.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. Tolson.....  
Mr. Nathan.....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm.....  
Mr. Clegg.....  
Mr. Ladd.....  
Mr. Coffey.....  
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Mr. Hendon.....  
Mr. McIntire.....  
Mr. Nichols.....  
Mr. Rosen.....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm.....  
Mr. Tracy.....  
Miss Gandy.....

CC - Philadelphia  
CC - New York

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: Al Capone

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Dr. Joseph Earle Moore of Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, telephoned to advise that Al Capone was one of their patients. He stated that he had just returned from Chicago and had noted the great amount of publicity given to Al Capone and also to the O'Hara Killing in Chicago. Dr. Moore stated he would be very interested in obtaining whatever information could be made available to him about this killing and also whatever tie-up that it might have with Al Capone's activities and associates.

I told Dr. Moore that the Bureau had not made an open investigation relative to Al Capone's brother, Ralph Capone, in recent years, but the general story is that he is interested in dog tracks in Florida and other vice operations in Chicago. I mentioned that I did not know how true these stories were, but the definite impression is that Capone interests are still more or less active in the underworld even though Ralph and Al deny this.

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Dr. Moore inquired if there might be any plan to obtain vengeance against either Ralph or Al. I told the Doctor that I did not know of any definite plan of vengeance, but people of that character are naturally living in a precarious situation as they have many enemies. As to the recent shooting of O'Hara in Chicago, I mentioned that there are many versions as to who was responsible for this. I told Dr. Moore that I would contact our Chicago Office and request them to watch this situation and advise me if any information comes in that Capone is mixed up with this and also if there is likely to be revenge.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Lester \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Memorandum for Mr. Tamm

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December 1, 1939

Then, if we do learn of any plots, I stated I would advise the Doctor immediately. I suggested though that some precautions be taken at the hospital as it is possible that someone might seek revenge and therefore people should be properly checked before they are allowed to see Capone. As to having any heavy guard, I stated that at the present time this does not appear to be necessary.

Dr. Moore advises me that Al Capone's health is very bad. The Doctor also advises that Capone's relatives have contacted him and are pleading that Capone has lost all his money. I told Dr. Moore that although Capone probably does not have the money he once had, he is certainly not suffering from poverty, and this just appears to be an old Capone trick to get as much as possible for nothing. In answer to the Doctor's inquiry as to whether any other brothers were involved in the racket, I stated that Ralph is definitely mixed up with these and he also has a brother-in-law who is in racket.

Dr. Moore stated that Capone is getting a lot of crank mail. I told Dr. Moore it is very unlikely that a gang would give any previous warning and the only danger would probably be from some crank. Dr. Moore stated that in regard to the publicity Capone has received, that they should just let Capone alone for with his present physical condition it is impossible for him to stage a come-back in the racket.

I advised Dr. Moore I would be glad to keep him advised of any information which might come in from our Chicago Office relative to this.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nathan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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1570 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

November 30, 1939

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

RE: GENERAL SURVEY  
MIAMI FIELD DIVISION

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau as well as the Chicago Office, [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Miami, Florida, whose telephone number is [redacted] called at the Miami Office where he was interviewed by Special Agent RICHARD E. SMITH, on November 14, 1939, at which time he stated he has been associated with various Greyhound tracks in this country for a period of several years and that [redacted]

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stated, in his opinion, O'HARE'S recent death was due to his winking on his obligations either with some of his associates in the CAPORE syndicate or others who are not actually members of the CAPORE syndicate but who have interests in various dog tracks.

In this connection he stated that O'HARE had an interest in dog tracks located in the following cities: Miami, Florida; Tampa, Florida; Jacksonville, Florida; West Memphis, Arkansas; Steubenville, Ohio; Taunton, Massachusetts; New Kensington, Pennsylvania. He further advised that O'HARE allegedly had an interest in the following horse tracks: Hawthorne Race Track, Chicago, Illinois; Sportsman Park, Chicago, Illinois; Tropical Park, Coral Gables, Florida. He also stated he has an interest in the dog track at Youngstown, Ohio, which has not operated for a period of the last three or four years.

He stated he believed JOHNNY PATTON had an interest in all of the above named tracks along with O'HARE, and that PATTON was very active in the Steubenville track.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] also stated he has had a feeling for the past year or more that everything was not pleasant between O'HARE and PATTON. He stated during the past season PATTON did not put in an appearance at the Club and that O'HARE was only there on three or four occasions.

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This man appeared to be sincere in his fear of these individuals but of course was informed by Agent SMITH no advice could be given him

It is possible that [REDACTED] may be developed into a good informant for the Miami Office, particularly with reference to any information desired concerning the Greyhound racing circle. He undoubtedly is in continual contact in the racing game but of course is not as confident as those who control the tracks.

It should also be mentioned that [REDACTED], self-styled investigator of Miami, Florida, of whose actions the Bureau has previously been advised, called at the Miami Office on November 14, 1939, where he advised Agent SMITH he had the solution to the O'HARE murder. He stated he would furnish this information to this Bureau if the Bureau was working on this case.

[REDACTED] was advised by Agent SMITH that the Bureau is not interested in obtaining any information from him. It should be noted that this individual is purely unreliable and operates as an investigator in Miami holding himself out to be a former investigator for the United States Government.

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Director

November 20, 1969

States Government and for the States Attorney's Office in Chicago, Illinois, as well as for the "Secret Six" in that city. He also claims to have been employed by the Wickarham Commission in Washington, D. C. This individual is frequently involved in trouble around Miami and it of course would be most dangerous to have any dealings whatsoever with him. It is more than likely that any information he might have concerning the O'HARE murder or any other crime, would be fabricated to suit his own purpose.

Should additional information be received by this office concerning the O'HARE murder which it is felt might be of some interest to the Bureau, same will be reported in the above captioned matter.

Very truly yours,

J. W. VINCENT  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc - Chicago

✓ ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION  
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*Justice*

Dear President Roosevelt: FEDERAL BU. OF INV. |

I and the majority of Americans do not think that Al Capone should be freed now from a federal prison as long as he and his hoodlums are accused of murdering O'hare. I dont think the American people will stand for this.

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Kindest regards,  
Traveling Salesman

*John*  
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Anonymous  
(Traveling Salesman,  
Columbia, Mo.)

Re: I and majority of Americans do not think that  
Al Capone should be freed now from a Federal  
prison as long as his hoodlums are accused of  
murdering O'hare.

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Department of Justice Correspondents Association  
Washington

PRESS ROOM

November 29, 1939

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. McIntire	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓
Tour Room	

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I felt that you might be interested in the enclosed  
clippings from Editor and Publisher.

By the way, I think you can retire Clyde most any  
time now and let him live off the winnings of Tolson (the  
horse). Seems to be a sure shot at every running.

With best wishes and warm regards, I am,

Sincerely,

*Allen G. Dibble*  
Allen G. Dibble

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November 25, 1939

## Capone Wait in Vain, Scribes Hold 'Inquest'

SUNBURY, Pa., Nov. 20—Incensed at officials of the Federal Bureau of Prisons because of the secrecy with which they surrounded the release of Al Capone, the press—represented by a score of metropolitan and small-town reporters and news photogs—conducted a mock inquest in the hangar at Municipal Airport here Nov. 16, and returned with a verdict holding the Federal Government guilty of negligence in its duty to the reading public.

Just back from nearby Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary with not a word of comment from an official source concerning the liberation of the once fabulous gang overlord of Chicago, these men who ferret out the news of the day were smarting from the cold shoulder they received.

They found the Federal Bureau of Prisons "indifferent, unfair and negligent in dissemination of news incident to the release of Al Capone," and recommended that steps be taken to establish a better relationship as a means of preventing a recurrence of these misunderstandings.

### Reporters Furious

No punches were pulled in the fury that engulfed these men who had failed in their assignment.

For 24 hours before the story "broke," the Sunbury Daily Item's news room had scouted reports that Capone was either at Lewisburg, or on his way.

Nevertheless the advance guard of newsmen from news services and metropolitan papers, traveling by airplane and automobile, went to Lewisburg, unsuccessfully attempted to verify Capone's presence there, and then formed a watch at the main gate of the penitentiary.

Even then Capone was speeding east from St. Louis on a fast train, reportedly disguised to shield his identity. The "grape vine" passed word that he would be taken from a train arriving at Harrisburg, Pa., at 3.54 a.m., and the tip came in time for news services to have men at the station. They scanned every person who stepped from the train, and reported back to their offices that it was a "bad steer."

It was later reported that he left the train at the station and was taken to a waiting automobile which sped 60 miles to the prison. The boys were doing "lobster" duty when, Federal officials say, Capone entered the penitentiary shortly after 5 a.m. How he got in is a mystery, for it was as difficult for anybody to get past the cordon of newspapermen as the guards at the prison gates.

It was mid-morning Nov. 16 when press wires brought formal announcement from Washington of Capone's release at Lewisburg. The statement came from James V. Bennett, director of Federal Prisons.

### Unofficial Denial

Warden Hill's office said Hill was "out of town." Informed of Bennett's announcement from Washington, his secretary replied: "It's all news to me. We haven't seen Capone around here, but whatever Mr. Bennett announces is authoritative."

Newsmen at the gates were tipped and renewed their demand for a statement. It was a useless gesture, for Warden Hill couldn't be contacted and there was not a spokesman to take his place.

Certain that Capone was gone, the staff men pulled stakes and returned to Sunbury. They transformed the airport hangar into a den of smoke, conducted a post mortem and then busied themselves at the pleasant task of holding an inquest.

One of their number, described as the "dean" of the news photographers, said: "I've been on the New York Daily News staff since 1921, and I tell you the public is getting tired of the way officials protect criminals from newspaper contact."

"You would think they were national celebrities, and that such protection was needed for the public welfare. Capone was the nation's most notorious gang leader during prohibition days, accused of every crime in the calendar. There is no reason why he should have been given this protection."

A Washington photog said the sole result of his trip was a "smashed camera." He declared it was struck by a federal officer at the penitentiary.

It was 3 p.m., more than two hours after the metropolitan staff men left the airport, that the final threads of the story were pieced together by the Daily Item in the first official announcement from Warden Hill.

He explained that Capone was received at the penitentiary about 5 a.m., and that he was treated like any of the other 1,600 prisoners during his two-hour stay. At 7 o'clock Hill said he ordered Capone brought to his office. Handed the official papers of release, Hill said Capone "smiled a yard wide" and offered a polite "Thank you."

At that very moment the newsmen were at the front gate, but Hill said that was where they made their mistake—for Capone was released through a rear gate at the other end of the reservation, jumped into a "big, black automobile" and disappeared.

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## H.R.H. AL CAPONE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I thought you might be interested in the following editorials appearing in "Editor and Publisher" of November 25, 1939 concerning the recent release of Al Capone from Federal custody at the United States Northeastern Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania:

"Capone Wait in Vain, Scribes Hold 'Inquest'"

"Sunbury, Pa., Nov. 20 -- Incensed at officials of the Federal Bureau of Prisons because of the secrecy with which they surrounded the release of Al Capone, the press--represented by a score of metropolitan and small-town reporters and news photos--conducted a mock inquest in the hangar at Municipal Airport here Nov. 16, and returned with a verdict holding the Federal Government guilty of negligence in its duty to the reading public.

"Just back from nearby Lewisburg Federal Penitentiary with not a word of comment from an official source concerning the liberation of the once fabulous gang overlord of Chicago, these men who ferret out the news of the day were smarting from the cold shoulder they received.

"They found the Federal Bureau of Prisons 'indifferent, unfair and negligent in dissemination of news incident to the release of Al Capone,' and recommended that steps be taken to establish a better relationship as a means of preventing recurrence of these misunderstandings.

"Reporters Furious

"No punches were pulled in the fury that these men who had failed in their assignment.

"For 24 hours before the story 'broke,' the 'Sunbury Daily Item's' news room had scouted reports that Capone was either at Lewisburg, or on his way.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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"Nevertheless the advance guard of newsmen from news services and metropolitan papers, traveling by airplane and automobile, went to Lewisburg, unsuccessfully attempted to verify Capone's presence there, and then formed a watch on the main gate of the penitentiary.

"Even then Capone was speeding east from St. Louis on a fast train, reportedly disguised to shield his identity. The 'grape vine' passed word that he would be taken from a train arriving at Harrisburg, Pa., at 3.54 a.m., and the tip came in time for news services to have men at the station. They pounced every person who stepped from the train, and reported back to their offices that it was a 'bad steer.'

"It was later reported that he left the train at the station and was taken to a waiting automobile which sped 60 miles to the prison. The boys were doing 'lobster' duty when, Federal officials say, Capone entered the penitentiary shortly after 5 a.m. How he got in is a mystery, for it was as difficult for anybody to get past the cordon of newspapermen as the guards at the prison gates.

"It was mid-morning Nov. 15 when press wires brought formal announcement from Washington of Capone's release at Lewisburg. The statement came from James V. Bennett, director of Federal Prisons.

#### "Unofficial Denial

"Warden Hill's office said Hill was 'out of town.' Informed of Bennett's announcement from Washington, his secretary replied: 'It's all news to me. We haven't seen Capone around here, but whatever Mr. Bennett announces is authoritative.'

"Newsmen at the gates were tipped and renewed their demand for a statement. It was a useless gesture, for Warden Hill couldn't be contacted and there was not a spokesman to take his place.

"Certain that Capone was gone, the staff men pulled stakes and returned to Sunbury. They transformed the airport hangar into a den of smoke, conducted a post mortem and then busied themselves at the pleasant task of holding an inquest.

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"One of their number, described as the 'Dean' of the news photographers, said: 'I've been on the 'New York Daily News' staff since 1927, and I tell you the public is getting tired of the way officials protect criminals from newspaper contact.

"You would think they were national celebrities, and that such protection was needed for the public welfare. Capone was the nation's most notorious gang leader during prohibition days, accused of every crime in the calendar. There is no reason why he should have been given this protection."

"A Washington photo said the sole result of his trip was a 'smashed camera.' He declared it was struck by a federal officer at the penitentiary.

"It was 3 p.m., more than two hours after the metropolitan staff men left the airport, that the final threads of the story were pieced together by the Daily Item in the first official announcement from Warden Hill.

"He explained that Capone was received at the penitentiary about 5 a.m., and that he was treated like any of the other 1,600 prisoners during his two-hour stay. At 7 o'clock Hill said he ordered Capone brought to his office. Handed the official papers of release, Hill said Capone 'smiled a yard wide' and offered a polite 'Thank you.'

"At that very moment the newsmen were at the front gate, but Hill said that was where they made their mistake--for Capone was released through a rear gate at the other end of the reservation, jumped into a 'big, black automobile' and disappeared."

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Respectfully,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

EAT:DM

December 2, 1933

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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About two days after the newspaper stories indicating that Al Capone had been transferred from California to Lewisburg Penitentiary and released from there, Mr. Joseph Mulcahy, Public Relations Officer of the Department, received a call from a Washington newspaper man who represents the periodical "Editor and Publisher" in Washington. This newspaper man stated that he had received a telephonic request from an official of Editor and Publisher requesting a formal statement from Mr. Hoover concerning the conduct of FBI Agents in assaulting newspaper men and destroying a pressman's camera while these Agents were guarding Capone in being transferred from California to Pennsylvania. According to the newspaper men, two FBI Agents participated in this affray. Mr. Mulcahy advised the newspaper men that Agents of the FBI had not participated in any manner or degree at any time in the release of Capone or in his transportation from California to Pennsylvania and were not even advised of this action. Mr. Mulcahy informed the newspaper man that representatives of the Bureau of Prisons had handled this matter in its entirety without the participation or knowledge of any representative whatsoever of the FBI.

Mr. Mulcahy inquired whether the Editor and Publisher magazine desired a statement from the Director of the Bureau of Prisons upon this matter because the employees who participated in Capone's transfer were operating under his direction. Apparently after some consultation with someone else, the Washington newspaper man stated that Editor and Publisher did not desire to pursue this matter further if it had not been handled by FBI Agents. The newspaper man advised further that if the story did not involve FBI Agents, Editor and Publisher had no further interest in it.

These facts were furnished to me orally by Mr. Mulcahy.

Respectfully,

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EDWARD A. Tamm

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December 6, 1939

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~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the Director's telephone conversation of December 2, 1939, with the writer at which time it was requested that the Chicago office be on the alert for any information indicating that there was to be an attempt made on the life of AL CAPONE or his brother RALPH CAPONE.

Recently I had an opportunity to have a lengthy conversation with [redacted] who has been a reporter [redacted] for a considerable number of years here in Chicago. [redacted] has numerous acquaintances in the underworld and amongst the hoodlum fraternity. [redacted] opinion is to the effect that there may be some trouble in the distant future as a result of the release of AL CAPONE amongst the various members of the so-called syndicate here in view of the fact that CAPONE represented the "killer type" of hoodlum. [redacted] believes that FRANK NITTI alias FRANKIE THE ENFORCER is well set in Cleveland, Florida, and other sections of the country as a result of so-called legitimate businesses and also as a result of his interest in various labor unions, etc. NITTI, JACK GUZIK, LITTLE NEW YORK CAMPAGNA, as well as the other so-called "big wigs" of the syndicate organization, are now pretty well settled with the strong arm type of employee or "muscle man". In other words, most of the syndicate's desires have been in recent years and are at the present time carried out as a result of threats to do physical harm by the administration of beatings to those who will not comply with their wishes. After AL CAPONE went to jail it appears that there was a wholesale elimination of the employee who resorted to the use of the gun or knife. With the advent of CAPONE'S release, [redacted] informs that it is the opinion of many that some of the gunmen type of hoodlum will attempt a comeback. A concerted comeback will, of course, depend upon CAPONE'S own manifestations. [redacted] believes that there can be no concerted movement unless AL CAPONE will assume definite leadership of such a movement.

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[REDACTED] stated that he believed EDWARD J. O'HARE was killed solely as a result of his past association with [REDACTED] who was the sister of [REDACTED] here in Chicago. Referring to my past communications to the Bureau, it will be recalled that [REDACTED] apparently is a tool of the syndicate and owes his political life to the backing of this organization. b7c b7D

[REDACTED] also stated that the general rumor has it that CAPONE will have to be content with whatever monies or power that are thrown to him merely out of goodness of heart on the part of NITTI and other top men of the syndicate. [REDACTED] states that he has it from good source that the members of the syndicate will not tolerate any real activity or participation on the part of CAPONE in their dealings at this time; further, that it is their desire that CAPONE stay clear away from Chicago in order that not too much interest is focused on the organization itself.

Contact has been had with confidential informant [REDACTED] and he informs that he has gotten no information that would indicate there is a concerted movement on the part of the underworld members here in Chicago or elsewhere in the country to take the life of either RALPH CAPONE or AL CAPONE. He pointed out that RALPH CAPONE is well set here in Chicago inasmuch as he assumes control of the gambling enterprises of the organization. He informs that RALPH CAPONE is, of course, nowhere near as active as AL CAPONE was during his heyday, nor does he wield the power and authority that NITTI and other members of the organization presently wield. RALPH CAPONE'S main desire is to stay in the background, get his cut and merely receive a reasonable amount of recognition on the part of the various members.

[REDACTED]

DIRECTOR  
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[REDACTED] nor [REDACTED] of the opinion that there would be any sort of action taken against either RALPH or AL CAPONE within the next four or five months. It appears from their conversations that until such time as AL CAPONE is released from the hospital and attempts to take some active part in the organization or in activities that perhaps will run counter or in opposition to the organization's activities, there will be no great danger in AL CAPONE'S suffering at the hands of the underworld.

All of the above information was obtained from [REDACTED] as a result of casual conversation and at no time was any interest manifested in AL CAPONE'S future. [REDACTED] entered into the conversation merely as a result of his desire to speculate as to the effect of the O'HARE killing on the underworld here in Chicago and also as to the possibility that the O'HARE killing was a result of AL CAPONE'S release.

While this is probably information that has previously been forwarded to the Bureau, [REDACTED] informs that the killing of JAKE LINGLE, who was a reporter for the Chicago Tribune, was caused by the fact that LINGLE had "welched" on an agreement involving a \$25,000 payment to LINGLE by the crowd here in Chicago. The reason for the payment apparently was the fact that LINGLE was writing a series of articles attempting to uncover the activities of the CAPONE crowd, etc., and it was the desire to open a new club in Chicago that prompted some of the CAPONE representatives to contact LINGLE and offer him \$25,000 if he would "lay off" of the publicity in so far as the club was concerned. LINGLE agreed and accepted the \$25,000 according to [REDACTED] but then turned around and wrote an article revealing the activities of the backers of this so-called gambling club.

It might here be stated [REDACTED] opinion of NITTI is to the effect that NITTI at one time was of the killer type but after AL CAPONE was sent up by the Government he was more or less

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converted to the muscle type of practice and now is well satisfied with this procedure and sees the dangers of wholesale killings. [REDACTED] believes that NITTI will resist any effort on the part of AL CAPONE to come back into a position of authority with the syndicate or a move on the part of some of CAPONE'S former associates to reinstate the "killing method".

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b7D

The Bureau will be advised from time to time in regard to any information that is picked up here in the Chicago office relative to the instant subject.

Very truly yours,

*W. S. Devereaux*  
W. S. DEVEREAUX,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY



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Time: 3:15 p.m.

December 7, 1939

MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

I called Mr. Vell of the Criminal Division and informed him I had talked with Mr. McGuire late yesterday afternoon and learned of the information he, Vell, had about a reporter on the Chicago Times having recovered a watch bearing the inscription, "The Chief, from Ident. July 23, 1938". I told Mr. Vell I was curious to have the details from him.

He stated that since being in Washington he had met one Vink Schellie, a personal secretary to Mr. Hopkins in the Commerce Department, who was formerly connected with the Chicago Times as a reporter. Schellie has informed Mr. Vell that he has been advised, apparently by some one connected with the Chicago Times, that some of the reporters on the Times were at Lewisburg at the time Al Capone was released; that there was some scuffle in taking pictures, et cetera, and that after the affair was over, a Times reporter found himself in possession of a watch. Mr. Vell stated he further understands that the Times advertised by placing an announcement in the newspaper that the watch had been found; that it presumably might belong to some Agent of the FBI and that the owner could have the watch by calling at the Times office.

I told Mr. Vell that we have not lost a watch but were just a little curious as to who did.

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Chicago, Illinois  
December 8, 1939

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir

I am transmitting herewith a clipping taken from the Chicago Daily Times of November 17, 1939. It will be noted that this clipping contains that information requested in telephonic conversation with Mr. Tamm, at which time Mr. Tamm informed he understood an article had appeared in the Chicago Daily Times revealing that a G-man had lost a wrist watch bearing the inscription "The Chief from Ident. July 23, 1938" at the time the G-man was supposed to have scuffled with a Times reporter in Baltimore, Maryland.

The information contained in the clipping was forwarded telephonically to the Bureau on December 7, 1939, in a conversation with Inspector Al Rosen.

Very truly yours

W. E. DEVEREAUX  
Special Agent in Charge

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January 3, 1940

Mr. J. W. Vincent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
1330 Biscayne Building  
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith  
copy of a personal and confidential letter addressed to  
me under date of [REDACTED]

I desire that the contents of this  
letter be brought to the attention of Agents [REDACTED]  
as of possible interest to them in connection  
with the work being performed by them.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure,

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

LRP:COH

Time: 2:30 p.m.

January 18, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Mr. Burke of Congressman Kean's  
(New Jersey) Office called and inquired as  
to whether Al Capone is a native-born  
citizen of the United States. I told  
Mr. Burke the files would be checked and  
the information furnished him.

Respectfully,

*L. R. Pennington*  
L. R. PENNINGTON

Time 3:30 p. m.

I called Mr. Burke and told him  
that the records of the Identification  
Division indicate that Capone was born in  
Brooklyn with the exception of one finger-  
print card which indicates he was born in  
Chicago.

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Not as though I had already attained either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 3: 12

Adolf P. Ebert  
Pastor

FIRST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

Telephone No.  
2-5720

February 15, 1940

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

One of the members in my congregation is engaged in distributing and giving whole Bibles and portions of Bibles to any and all who might read. He would like to present a Bible to Al Capone, feeling that if he would read it, he might induce others to follow in his footsteps, and thus be instrumental in crime prevention.

This member feels that if you could furnish him the address he could send this Bible to Al directly, but he also feels that it would be of advantage if he could send it to you and have you forward it to Al. It might be that a character of this type would, in this way realize that you were not chiefly interested in his being brought to justice, but that you were interested in having him become a God fearing, useful citizen.

Knowing that you will give this matter your careful consideration, I am

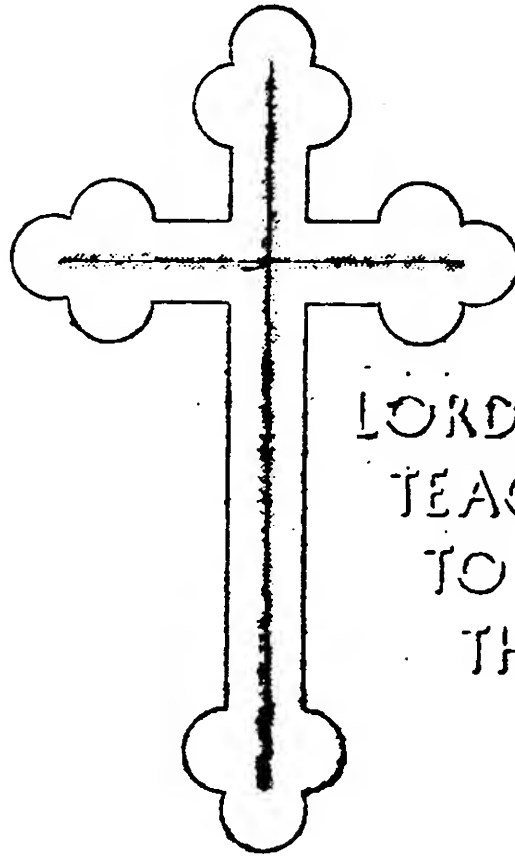
Sincerely yours,

*Adolf P. Ebert*

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Canton, Ohio

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First Lutheran Church  
915 E. Tuscarawas St.  
February 11, 1940

Adolf P. Ebert, Pastor



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February 11, 1940

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10:55 a.m. - TUT BUSSE

2:00 p.m. - Inquirers' Group

6:30 p.m. - Luther League Devotional

7:30 p.m. - ONE WHO KNOWS YOU

Monday - 8:00 p.m. - Senior Luther League

Tuesday - 7:30 p.m. - Union Lenten Service

Rev. C.C. Ellis, D.D. - Pres. of Juniata  
College, Huntington, Pa. - Preacher

Thursday - 7:30 p.m. - German Lenten Service

Theme: SOLL ICH IHN VERLEUGEN

Saturday - 8:45 a.m. - Christian Nurture

2:00 p.m. - Junior Choir Rehearsal

The FELLOWSHIP SUPPER is "history". A piece of pleasant history. We wish to thank the Mary-Martha Class for all the effort it put forth, also thank them for the 100 cups which they purchased for church use.

New Cradle Rollers: Donna Joyce and James -- children of John Brendus & Geraldine, nee Fach  
During the past week: Private Communion was administered to one soul. Officers of Dorcas Mission Society were installed. Ladies' Society had a nice George Washington Program.

The Church School Teachers decided not to have any Teachers' Meetings during the Lenten Season, except the monthly business meeting. This action's due to the fact that our German Lenten Devotions are on Thursday night.

GOOD SAMARITAN PICTURE WAS A REVELATION, SHOWING WHAT LUTHERAN YOUNG PEOPLE CAN DO. We're sorry if you did not see this picture, which was the result of a venture in faith.

130TH ANNIVERSARY FUND - to date - \$ 775.60  
Building Fund Total - \$ 2017.22

Total received for China Relief - \$ 19.55

Attendance last Lord's Day ---- Feb. 4, 1940  
Church School - 231; English Worship - 213  
German Worship - 71; Evening Worship - 81

On February 18 & 25, we will, in our congregation receive special offerings for the Emergency Appeal directed by Dr. O.C. Mees. A special bulletin will appraise you of the details. Be sure to read it thoroughly.

"I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible. Take all of this Book upon reason that you can, and the balance by faith, and you will live and die a better man." - - - Lincoln

On March 3, Dr. Walter E. Schuette will be with us for the visitation which takes place every three years. We are hoping to make it a joint service, so that all of our congregation can take part. Details will be given as soon as possible. Our joint service will begin at 9:15 a.m., so that there will be time to visit the Bethel Congregation also.

Mr. Eric Fietz, a theological student at Cap. will be a guest in the parsonage during this coming week. He is here for his "Interne Work". We wish him God's Blessing and a very happy stay in our midst.

Martha and Ruth Maier honor their Father's Birthday on Feb. 14, with today's Bulletin. Our heartiest congratulations, Mr. Maier.

Our Flowers come to us from a loving Daughter in memory of her Parents. Thank you.

## Do You Know?

Is it enough, when you have made a financial contribution to the Church's work?

Would you be satisfied to give your son, whom you profess to love devotedly, an occasional quarter and then forget about him? Your thoughts, your hopes and your prayers constantly go with that boy and the money that you give him is not so important after all.

God does not merely want your gift; He wants you. Is it reasonable to assume that you could "buy off" your God by writing a check? He wants your prayers, your interest, and your love. Your gifts are merely a tangible expression of your devotion to Him.

What happens when you withhold your gifts for the Church's work?

Assuming that Christians will give financial support to the work of the Lord, the Church plans her program of work and promises to give her workers financial aid. If some Christians then withhold their support, one of two things happens. Either some one else must give more than his fair share or the worker does not receive the promised support and must suffer the consequent hardships. Neither is quite honorable.

But there is a more serious implication. Willfully withholding support, that could be given, is a neglect of Christian duty, and God will some day demand an accounting of every man.

## For You - From You

For you God has all the treasures of heaven. They are yours through Christ, your Savior. From you God asks love, loyalty and devotion to Him and His cause. Dare you be unmindful of this during this blessed Lenten season? (Printed in U.S.A.)

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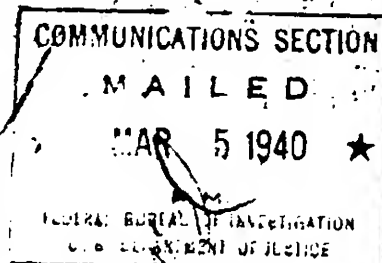
Reverend Adolf P. Ebert  
First Lutheran Church  
909 East Tuscarawas Street  
Canton, Ohio

I have received your letter dated February 15, 1940, and wish to advise that I do not have the address you desire nor can I be of assistance to you in this matter.

It is suggested that you might like to communicate with Mr. James V. Bennett, Director of the Federal Bureau of Prisons, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., since the individual to whom you refer has, during the past several years, been in the custody of that organization.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. E. A. Tamm .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Ladd .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Hays .....  
Mr. Glavin .....  
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Mr. Rosen .....  
Mr. Quinn Tamm .....  
Tom Searl .....  
Archie Mitchell .....  
Mrs. E. M. Gandy



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February 21, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: Edward J. O'Hare;  
Miscellaneous.

Dear Sir:

With reference to Laboratory Report #2506, in connection with the above entitled case, there are transmitted herewith photographic copies of the following specimens which your office submitted for examination:

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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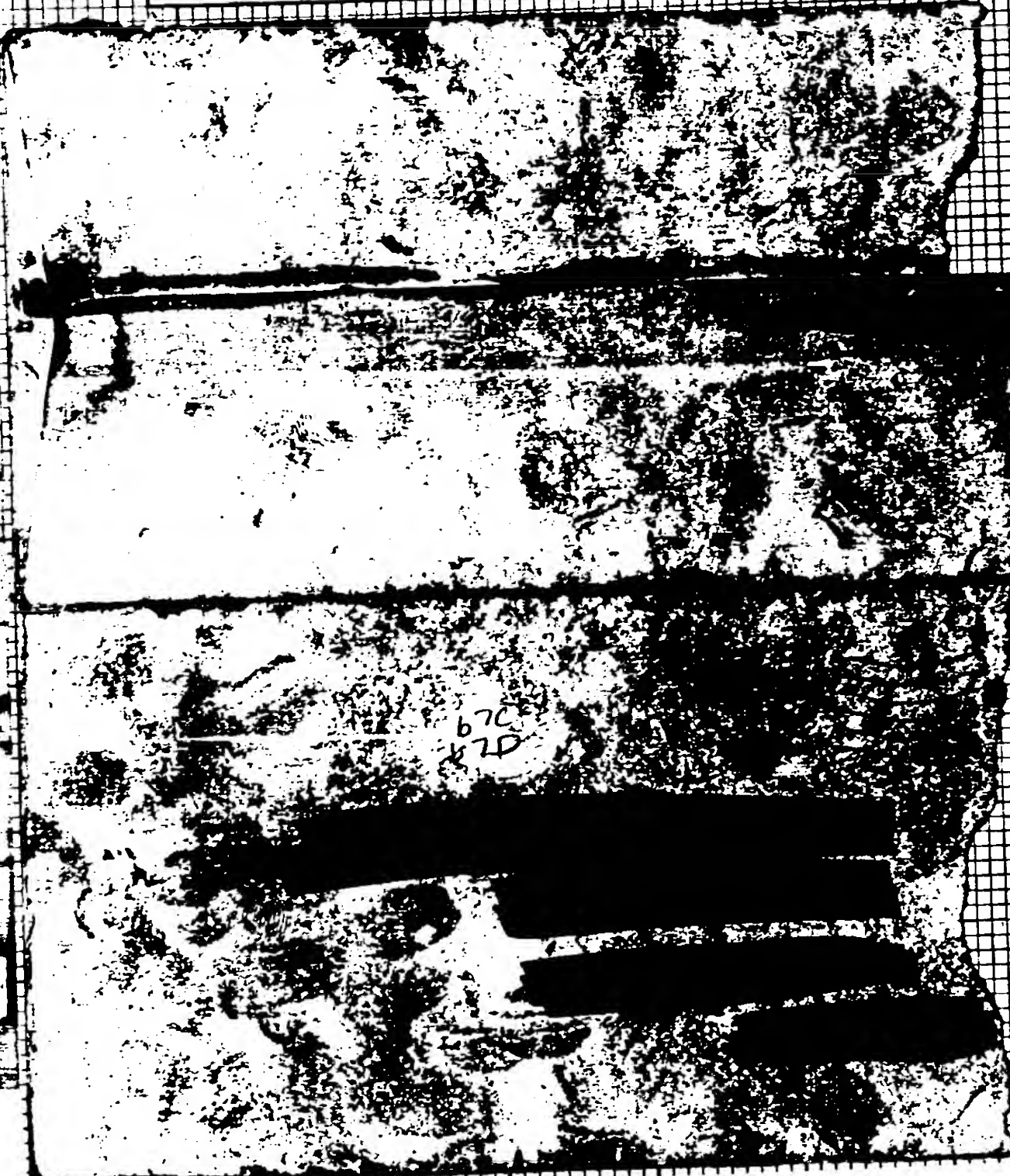
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AL CAPONE IS ON HIS WAY TO FLORIDA ACCORDING TO HIS PHYSICIAN IN  
BALTIMORE. DR. JOSEPH EARLE MOORE, WHO HAD BEEN TREATING CAPONE, CAPONE  
SINCE HE ARRIVED LAST NOVEMBER, ISSUED THIS STATEMENT: "ALPHONSE CAPONE  
WAS LEFT BALTIMORE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD HE WILL RETURN TO HIS HOME IN  
FLORIDA. HE IS STILL ILL AND WILL CONTINUE UNDER MEDICAL CARE."  
3/21--GE1016A

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

March 21, 1940.

Jim Strebbig called and inquired  
if the Bureau was interested in  
Al Capone. I informed him the  
Bureau was not.

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Mr. Tolson ☒  
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Mr. McIntire ☐  
Mr. Nichols ☐  
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Hastings, Nebr.  
April 5, 1940

Dear Sir.

I am writing you in regards of a man that goes under the name of [REDACTED] from Grand Island, Nebr. believed to be [REDACTED] from Chicago that used to work with Al Capone. I haven't saw him since last Summer but I understand that he is not only acting as Field man for the [REDACTED] at Grand Island but is some time in [REDACTED] at Ingleside, Nebr. just 3 miles west of Hastings. they claim the he most all Lights (?) in Grand Island working for him. and lots in Hastings. his Discription would be as follows Right 5 ft. 11 in. Semi Bald with Sandy spot in middle of head and some hair sands almost straight up. hair around ears is some Darcker. he is about 40 years old and weighs about 135 Lbs. has lots of Gold Teeth. Now I am not one of your men and do not want a job but if you want me to get him and take him into Omaha I will do so.

Yours Truly

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Don't 185. I've had lots of the 185. I  
now I am not one of your friends.  
I'm not sure if it's in your  
mind to get the best of the  
business.

Walter C. Baker

[REDACTED]

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HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

PLEASE RETURN TO



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*Bill*



*Bill*



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[REDACTED] b7C  
Hastings, Nebraska

Dear [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 5, 1940, and advise that I have noted the contents thereof.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is authorized by law to investigate violations of certain specified Federal statutes and to collect evidence in cases in which the United States is or may be a party in interest.

From the limited facts set out in your letter I am unable to determine whether or not the subject matter of your communication comes within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau. In the event, however, you do have information indicating a violation coming within this Bureau's investigative jurisdiction, I suggest that you communicate with Mr. E. V. Stein, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 629 First National Bank Building, Omaha, Nebraska.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Nathan	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
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## Man Who Gave Capone Famous Scar Is Jailed

NEW YORK, July 6 (C.T.P.S.). Frank Gullucci, the man who put the scar on the cheek of Scarface Al Capone, was sentenced to 60 days in jail on a vagrancy charge in Brooklyn yesterday. He was arrested last March 27 in District Attorney William F. O'Dwyer's roundup of shady characters.

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Gentlemen I understand that your  
department still is looking for  
[redacted]  
[redacted] one of the cop's gang's  
killers. if is your desire, and

I knew few more ~~criminals~~

criminals.

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Yours Truly  
[redacted]

ack  
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phone cal. [redacted]

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December 14, 1940

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear [REDACTED]

Your communication dated December 10, 1940, has been received and I wish to advise that the individual mentioned in your letter is not wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation nor do the records of this Bureau reflect that he is wanted by any other law enforcement agency in the United States.

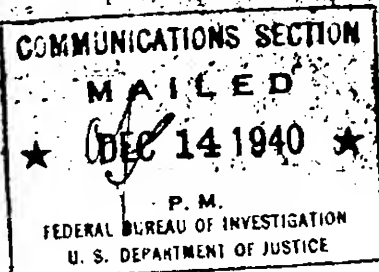
I wish to thank you, however, for your thoughtfulness in writing as you did.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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